RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAAN PILLAI: (*a*) 'Old arrears' under "Abkari and Opium and Ganja" pending collection at the end of 1116 was Rs. 5,79,243-5-6.

(*b*) Old arrears realised during the year:

1115-Rs. 17,359-27-5.

1116-Rs. 18,609-5-13.

Director of State Transport.

65. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Transport Advisory Committee recommended to Government that the Director of State Transport should be declared the 'licensing authority' under the new Motor Vehicles Act; and

(*b*) what action did they take in the matter?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the Transport Advisory Committee recommended that the Transport Department should be the authority for the issuing of certificates?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Yes, Sir. At the risk of being pedantic I may say that the recommendation of the Advisory Committee was that the Director of Transport should be the Transport authority contemplated in the new Motor Vehicles Act.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know what action was taken by Government?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The matter is receiving the attention of Government.

Extension of the Alleppey Municipal limits.

66. *MR. P. S. MUHAMMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it has been proposed to extend the present limits of the Alleppey Municipality to south and north by including certain areas of the suburbs of the town;

(*b*) whether the people residing within the proposed areas protested against extension;

(*c*) whether they received representations and resolutions praying that the proposed areas should not be included within the Municipality;

(*d*) the reasons advanced by the people in their representations;

(*e*) whether Government have made any enquiry on the representations; and

(*f*) if any enquiry was made, the result of such enquiry?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Some petitions have been received protesting against the proposed extension.

(*c*) Yes.

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